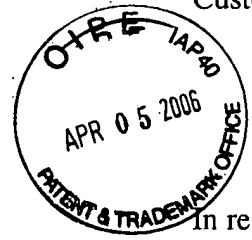


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, to which a response is due by April 21, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

A listing of the claims, as amended in the Amendment filed December 29, 2005, begins on page 2 of this paper.

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